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1. SUMMARY. NEWSPAPERS GAVE TOP BILLING TO MURDER OF
AMBASSADOR DAVIES, CHANGES IN GREEK ARMY LEADERSHIP AND
CHARGES OF AGENTS PROVOCATEURS AND AMERICANS PROVOKING
WEEKEND DEMONSTRATIONS. END SUMMARY

2. ELEFTHEROS COSMOS RAN BANNER CAPTION "U.S. AMBASSADOR
IN NICOSIA KILLED BY BULLET DURING VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION
OF THOUSANDS OF CYPRIOTS." SAME NEWSPAPER ALSO CARRIED
PM CARAMANLIS' MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO PRESIDENT FORD
AND PM'S WARNING THAT DEMONSTRATIONS BY GREEKS WILL BE
DEALT WITH SEVERELY. AKROPOLIS AND TO VIMA HEADLINED
"GREEK ARMY LEADERSHIP CHANGED - TEN GENERALS RETIRED."
TO VIMA REPORTED ON FRONTPAGE "KISSINGER FEDERALIZATION PLAN"
BASED ON REPORTAGE FROM LONDON, WHILE AKROPOLIS CARRIED
NEWS ACCOUNT OF DIVERSION OF OPINION BETWEEN STATE DEPARTMENT
AND PENTAGON REGARDING AID TO TURKEY CITING SECRETARY
SCHLESINGER'S CBS INTERVIEW. COSMOS REPORTED "TURKS WILL
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WITHDRAW FROM PRESENT POSITIONS IN CYPRUS, KISSINGER

ASSURES - HE HAS ECEVIT'S PROMISE." SAME PAPER CARRIED FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL "NICOSIA TRAGEDY" STRESSING THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE IN DESPERATE STATE AND WANTED THEIR WRATH TO REACH KISSINGER; INSTEAD U.S. AMBASSADOR BECAME VICTIM. "HENRY KISSINGER MUST LEARN FROM THIS THAT HIS INHUMAN POLICY ON CYPRUS HAS BETRAYED IDEALS OF AMERICAN NATION."

3. APOYEVMATINI AND TA NEA DEVOTED PRIME SPACE TO WEEKEND DEMONSTRATIONS; "AMERICANS PROVOKED CROWDS" WHICH WERE FIRED ON FIRST BY U.S. MARINES ACCORDING TO APOYEVMATINI AND TA NEA WROTE "PROVOCATEURS ACTED IN GREECE AND CYPRUS" WITH LARGE PHOTO OF BRIG. GEN. IOANNIDES ACCOMPANYING REPORT. VRADYNI IN EDITORIAL ATTRIBUTED SUNDAY'S VIOLENCE TO PROVOCATEURS SPONSORED BY THOSE WHO HAVE CREATED NATION'S RECENT CALAMITIES. ESTIA COMMENTED THAT IT NEVER PAYS TO ENTRUST YOUR INTERESTS TO OTHERS AND CRITICIZED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S "BAD HABIT OF OCCUPYING A PREMIER" WHEN HE COULD ADDRESS HIMSELF TO HIS COLLEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTER.

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